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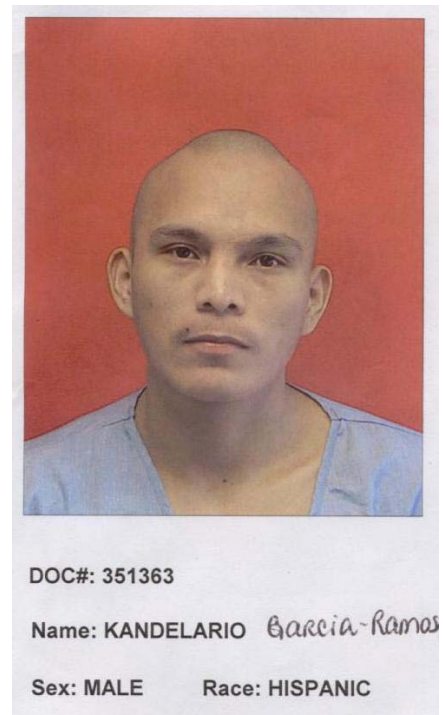
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Authorities Search for Escapee From the Maryland Correctional Institution – Hagerstown

An inmate by the name of Kandelario Garcia-Ramos escaped from the Maryland Correctional Institution – Hagerstown (MCIH) early Saturday morning. Authorities in the area as well as Maryland State Police were immediately notified and are searching for Garcia-Ramos.

This individual is described as a Hispanic male, five feet four inches tall, 165 pounds with brown eyes, dark hair and light complexion. Garcia-Ramos is 24 yrs old and serving a 40 year sentence for murder. He is believed to have been wearing prison blue jeans and other unknown prison clothing when he escaped. He is not known to be armed, but should be considered dangerous.



The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services' Division of Correction (DOC) and Internal Investigative Unit are continuing to investigate the incident. Preliminary information indicates Garcia-Ramos escaped by climbing over the institution's perimeter fence using clothing to cover the razor wire. This happened sometime between 5:30am to 6:30am this morning.

Garcia-Ramos is housed in the Antietam unit. Investigators believe he escaped during this unit's movement to and from the dining hall for the breakfast meal. Upon the discovery, the institution was placed on lockdown. DOC notified

the Maryland State Police, the Hagerstown Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff's Department immediately upon verifying the escape.

Garcia-Ramos was convicted of first degree murder in Prince Georges County in June of 2008 and sentenced to 40 years. He entered the DOC system on June 24 and has been housed at MCIH since July 18, 2008. The inmate has no history of serious infractions while at MCIH, is described as generally cooperative and being a loner.

Built in the 1930's, MCIH is a medium security facility housing a population of approximately 2,200 medium and minimum security inmates.

Because the incident is still under investigation the Department will have no further comment at this time. DPSCS will update the public as new information becomes available.

If you see this individual, please contact 911 immediately. Police are advising motorists in the region be wary of hitchhikers. Photo also attached.

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